IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: David N. Ku

Application Serial No.: 10/658,932

Filed: September 9, 2003 For: Flexible Spinal Disc Confirmation No.: 3113 Group Art Unit: 3738 Examiner: David H. Willse

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as shown.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this document.